

AUTHORIZING LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 452 which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 452) to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in City of Lafayette v. Bryan Benoir.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a request for testimony in a criminal misdemeanor action pending in City Court in Lafayette, LA. In this action, the defendant is charged with disturbing the peace arising out of his appearance at Senator DAVID VITTER's Lafayette, LA office. A trial is scheduled for May 28, 2014.

The prosecution has sought testimony from two current employees of Senator VITTER's office, and one former employee of that office, who were witnesses to the charged event. Senator VITTER would like to cooperate by providing relevant testimony, and, if necessary, documents from his office. This resolution would authorize those current and former employees, and any other employee of the Senator's office from whom relevant evidence may be necessary, to testify and produce documents in this action, with representation by the Senate Legal Counsel.

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 452) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2363

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, I understand that S. 2363, introduced earlier today by Senator HAGAN, is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

Mr. NELSON. I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 113-5

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on May 20, 2014, by the President of the United States: Convention on Taxes with the Republic of Poland, Treaty Document No. 113-5.

I further ask that the treaty be considered as having been read for the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to its ratification, the Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 13, 2013, at Warsaw (the "proposed Convention"). I also transmit for the information of the Senate the report of the Department of State, which includes an overview of the proposed Convention.

The proposed Convention replaces the existing Convention, signed in 1974, and was negotiated to bring United States-Poland tax treaty relations into closer conformity with current U.S. tax treaty policies. For example, the proposed Convention contains provisions designed to address "treaty shopping," which is the inappropriate use of a tax treaty by residents of a third country, that the existing Convention does not. Concluding the proposed Convention with Poland has been a top priority for the tax treaty program at the Department of the Treasury.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the proposed Convention and give its advice and consent to its ratification.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 20, 2014.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 12:15 p.m., with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees; and that at

12:15 p.m. the Senate proceed to executive session, as provided for under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, there will be one vote at 12:15 p.m. on the confirmation of the Fischer nomination. Following that vote, the Senate will recess until 2 p.m. to allow for the Republican caucus meeting. There will be up to five rollcall votes related to nominations at 2:10 p.m. The first vote in the series will be a rollcall vote, and we expect the remaining votes to be voice votes.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:50 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

THE JUDICIARY

GEOFFREY W. CRAWFORD, OF VERMONT, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT, VICE WILLIAM K. SESSIONS, III, RETIRING.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COLONEL FRANCIS M. BEAUDETTE
COLONEL PAUL BONTRAGER
COLONEL GARY M. BRITO
COLONEL SCOTT E. BROWER
COLONEL PATRICK W. BURDEN
COLONEL JOSEPH R. CALLOWAY
COLONEL PAUL T. CALVERT
COLONEL WELTON CHASE, JR.
COLONEL BRIAN P. CUMMINGS
COLONEL EDWIN J. DEEDRICK, JR.
COLONEL JEFFREY W. DRUSHAL
COLONEL RODNEY D. FOGG
COLONEL ROBIN L. FONTES
COLONEL KAREN H. GIBSON
COLONEL DAVID C. HILL
COLONEL MICHAEL D. HOSKIN
COLONEL KENNETH D. HUBBARD
COLONEL JAMES B. JARRARD
COLONEL SEAN M. JENKINS
COLONEL MITCHELL L. KILGO
COLONEL RICHARD C. S. KIM
COLONEL WILLIAM E. KING IV
COLONEL RONALD KIRKLIN
COLONEL JOHN S. KOLASHESKI
COLONEL DAVID P. KOMAR
COLONEL VIET X. LUONG
COLONEL PATRICK E. MATLOCK
COLONEL JAMES J. MINGUS
COLONEL JOSEPH W. RANK
COLONEL ERIC L. SANCHEZ
COLONEL CHRISTOPHER J. SHARPSTEN
COLONEL CHRISTOPHER L. SPILLMAN
COLONEL MICHAEL J. TARSIA
COLONEL FRANK W. TATE
COLONEL RICHARD M. TOY
COLONEL WILLIAM A. TURNER
COLONEL BRIAN E. WINSKI

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. DAVID H. BERGER